ARC Future Fellowships – FT18
UQR&I Information Session

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Agenda

• UQ Performance in ARC Future Fellowships
• ARC Future Fellowships (FT) Scheme Overview:
  o Objectives & Criteria
  o Funding Rules
  o Key Section Tips
• FT18 Application Process
• Writing Your Strategic Statement
• Q&A
## UQ Performance in Future Fellowships

### Go8 – Future Fellowships – Awards (including national rankings) 2009 - 2017

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The table above shows the number of future fellowships awarded by Go8 universities and the national total from 2009 to 2017, along with the overall rank for each university.
FT Scheme Overview - Objectives

• In 2018, the scheme is offering up to 100 awards nationally, with preference given to Australian Researchers.

• The Scheme Objectives are to:
  ✓ ensure that outstanding mid-career researchers are recruited and retained, by Administering Organisations in continuing academic positions;
  ✓ build collaboration across industry and/or research institutions and/or disciplines;
  ✓ support research in Science and Research Priorities that will result in economic, environmental, social and/or cultural benefits for Australia; and
  ✓ strengthen Australia’s research capacity by supporting innovative, internationally competitive research.
FT Scheme Overview - Selection Criteria

Minor changes have been made to the Selection Criteria from the previous round:

- **Fellowship Candidate** remains at 40%, now with separate criteria for each of the Fellowship Levels (1, 2 and 3).

- **Project Quality** remains at 35%, with a focus on significance, innovation and advancement of knowledge.

- **Feasibility & Strategic Alignment** remains at 10%, with a focus on resources, capacity and institutional alignment.

- **Benefit & Collaboration** remains at 15%, with the addition of:
  - ‘How will Host Organisations be utilised in the proposed project?’ as a sub-criteria; and
  - A focus on building collaborations both within Australia and internationally.
FT Funding Rules - Eligibility

• A FT18 Candidate must, at the closing time of submissions:
  o have been awarded a PhD on or between 1 March 2003 and 1 March 2013; or
  o have obtained DVCR certification for the equivalency of their postdoctoral research experience taking account of any significant and not overlapping career interruptions.

• A candidate may only be nominated on one Future Fellowship proposal in the funding round.

• All obligations regarding previously funded ARC projects, such as Final Reports, must be met at the time of application.

• Key changes to eligibility under FT18:
  ➢ A researcher may now apply for up to three FTs over the period in which they are eligible (previously two).
  ➢ Removal of restriction on DECRAs being in their final year of funding at the time of application.
FT Funding Rules – Project Limits

- Within the Discovery Program a researcher can be funded for a maximum of:
  a. **two Projects** as a CI, or
  b. **one ARC Fellowship/Award**, and **one Project as a CI**.

- All **Active Projects** count toward grant limits – includes projects that have carry-forwards and end date extensions.

- **Key changes to limits under FT18:**
  - Limits on ARC projects/proposals will now be **considered as at the ‘Active Project Assessment Assessment Date’** – defined for FT18 as 1 January 2019.
  - FT18 candidates with 2xDP19s under assessment will be required to **withdraw one Proposal from assessment** if successful in the Fellowship award.

- While FT proposals **will not be ruled ineligible** at the time of application due to these grant limits, successful Fellows would still be required to comply after the award.
FT Application – Key Sections

PART A – Administrative Summary

A4 – Proposal Summary:
- Write this for non-expert in your research field
- Aims, Significance and Expected Outcomes
- ARC provides a defined format for A4 under FT18

A5 – Benefit and Impact Statement:
- Additional word limit (up to 750 characters) to allow for the outcomes, benefits and intended path to impact to be addressed.
- Contribution beyond academia - economy, society, culture, national security, public policy or services, health, the environment or quality of life

Don’t forget the word cloud!
FT Application – Key Sections

PART C – Project Description

C1 – Project Description (10 pages, including references):

• Updated heading structure: UQR&I has provided a template.
• NEW subsections:
  ➢ ‘Future Fellowship Candidate’ requires candidates to address selection criteria relevant to their applicable Fellowship level - provide a high level summary of ROPE.
  ➢ ‘Feasibility and Strategic Alignment’ – requires candidates to address resourcing, facilities, intellectual capacity and alignment with UQ. Also highlight post-fellowship undertaking.
  ➢ **Acknowledgements** - for any significant contributions to the proposal by persons not already named.
• Keep **selection criteria and weightings** in mind.
FT Application – Key Sections

C4-C5 – Medical Research:

- ARC Medical Research Policy defines research ineligible for ARC support.
- Focus on direct research outcomes and take care when selecting FoR Codes.
- Make use of the C5 Medical Research Statement question as necessary.
- **NEW:** Eligibility of a proposal under the ARC Medical Research Policy will now be based solely on the information contained in the proposal. The **ARC will no longer seek further clarification** from Administering Organisations with regard to eligibility queries.
- Contact UQR&I in advance for advice.
PART D – Personnel and ROPE

• Candidates assessed on their **Research Opportunity and Performance Evidence (ROPE)** - give careful consideration to how ROPE is crafted across Part D and links to your Project Description.

• **NEW D5:** allows all academic interruptions to be listed.

• **Updated D6:** combines details of academic career, opportunities for research and research achievements/contributions. Five pages maximum – recommend **at least 3 pages dedicated to achievements and contributions.**

• **Updated D7:** now in two parts:
  
  ➢ **i. Publication context and contribution** – two pages for candidates to detail publication statistics and metrics to demonstrate output quality.

  ➢ **ii. Publication list** – listing of publication outputs under defined headings. Focus is on publications (use D6 for other outputs). Use UQR&I template.
PART E – Project Cost

- When entering information into the budget table please remember to choose the Future Fellowship Salary Level relevant to your current academic level (or equivalent), as follows:

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PART E – Project Cost

• Higher degree by research stipends have a **fixed rate of $26,694 (2017$) per annum and a maximum of one per proposal.**

• **Travel costs are limited to $100,000** over the life of the Fellowship (not including field research travel or carer’s costs in travel).

• The ARC will **not support** budget requests for bench fees, capital works, costs not directly related to the research e.g., professional membership fees, visas, insurance, patent application fees, relocation.

• Enter Administering Organisation cash contributions above and beyond the requirements of the scheme, including the **UQ Capacity Building Package:**
  - **$50K per annum** cash commitment for 4 years for project costs
  - One **PhD stipend for a domestic student** for 3 ½ years – value **$27,082 per annum (2018$)**
Parts F and G – *Use the UQR&I templates*

- **F1** - fully justify each budget item for each year – use the **same headings** entered under Part E.
- **F2** – detail proposed expenditure of Admin Organisation cash contributions and include any **in-kind contributions**.
- **NEW F3-F4**: Contact UQR&I with any queries on potential duplication of funding.
- **G1** - research support for FT Candidate (2017-2022).
- **G2** – statements on progress for ARC-funded projects.

**Part H – Host Organisation**

- If funding is requested from the ARC to travel to an organisation to undertake research, then this organisation **must be listed as a Host Organisation** in Part A of the application.
- Part H of the application must also be completed and **signatures from the host secured on the UQ Certification Proforma**.
Application Process – FT18
FT18 - Application Process

Submit application to UQR&I for internal review - once your full proposal and all of its attachments are ready (and valid) in RMS, you will need to submit internally as follows:

- Submit online to UQR&I by pressing the ‘Submit to Research Office’ button on the Action Centre home page.
- Email ARCFellowships@research.uq.edu.au to advise that the application is ready for review. Please attach to this e-mail:
  - a scan of your completed and signed UQ Coversheet;
  - a scan of your completed and signed Certification Proforma;
  - where relevant, your completed Request not to Assess form;
  - a word document of your Part C3 Strategic Statement.

UQR&I Due Date: Wednesday 1 November 2017

UQR&I will review and provide feedback to applicant. Final submission instructions will be provided with review.
FT18 – UQR&I Scheme Contacts

Email
• ARCFellowships@research.uq.edu.au

RMS Help
• http://www.uq.edu.au/research/research-management/arc-rms
  or
• rms@research.uq.edu.au

UQR&I Future Fellowships Webpage
• http://www.uq.edu.au/research/research-management/arc-future-fellowships
ARC Future Fellowships - Writing Your Strategic Statement
ARC Futures – Strategic Statement

C3 – Statement by the Administering Organisation outlining Strategic Alignment

• Outlines alignment to area/s of **core or emerging research strength**.

• Describes the **level of resources to be provided** to support the successful Candidate.

• Outlines **plans to retain the successful Future Fellow** in a continuing position, subject to appropriate performance during the Fellowship.

• Where the Future Fellowship Candidate is an existing employee of UQ, describes how the **salary that was previously provided by UQ** will be used.
ARC Futures – Strategic Statement

Process

• UQR&I provides a **template** – max 3 pages
• No “one size fits all” approach - must be about **you and your fit** to UQ research strengths/research strategy
• Future Fellowship Candidate to **draft the body of Statement** (with input from School/Faculty/Institute)
• **Full draft Statement** to be included when the application is submitted internally for UQR&I review
• UQR&I will provide **comment** on the Statement, and any further suggestions for improvement
• UQR&I will arrange **DVC(Research) signature** and upload the Statement once it is finalised
• **Four key parts** to the Strategic Statement....
ARC Futures – Strategic Statement

1. Introduction

• An **Executive Summary** of the Candidate and their achievements
• Crafted to emphasise how your work has been **influential in its field**
• **2-3 paragraphs** recommended

*The purpose of the introductory statement is to draw out the main strengths and profile of the applicant and their work in an accessible summary form, setting the context for the detailed statements to follow.*
ARC Futures – Strategic Statement

2. Alignment with UQ Core or Emerging Research Strengths

• Fit between the Candidate & UQ research strengths (or emerging areas)

• How does The Person and The Project fit with, and complement, The Place

• What is the value-add?

• Alignment with future plans/strategies for growth of research area at UQ
3. Research Environment including support of the Candidate

• Positioning of the Fellow in a quality research environment (collaborative … intellectual and physical/infrastructural resources)

• Alignment with specific expertise of UQ researchers and/or collaborators working in areas of strength

• How the Fellow will complement, enhance and extend UQ research capacity and profile?

• Level of support for the successful Candidate (eg salary top-up, PhD students, project costs)

• Template text on Capacity Building Package
4. Capacity Building and Post-Fellowship retention plan

• “Outline plans to retain the Future Fellowship Candidate in a continuing position…”

• Evidence of institutional plan to integrate the Fellow into UQ’s research development of this field

• How will this Fellowship + post-fellowship employment develop the research capacity of the Candidate?

• If you are a continuing UQ employee, strongly justify why award a Fellowship and why now – never ‘more time to do more of the same’; and describe how the salary previously provided by UQ is to be used?
ARC College Member - insights and question time